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In re Application of
BEDELL, Daniel
U.S. Application No.: 10/049,214
PCT No.: PCT/US00/20334
International Filing Date: 26 July 2000
Priority Date: 06 August 1999
Attorney's Docket No.: 214-12988-US
For: DEEP BED THICKENER/CLARIFIERS WITH
ENHANCED LIQUID REMOVAL

DECISION

This decision is in response to the "Petition To Correct Filing Date" filed 06 June 2002. The petition is **GRANTED** as discussed below:

On 14 May 2002, the DO/EO/US mailed in the above-captioned application a "Notification Of Acceptance Of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 And 37 CFR 1.494 Or 1.495" identifying 06 February 2002 as the "Date Of Receipt Of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) Requirements" and the "Date Of Receipt Of All 35 U.S.C. Requirements." Also on 14 May 2002, the USPTO issued applicant a filing receipt identifying 06 February 2002 as the filing date.

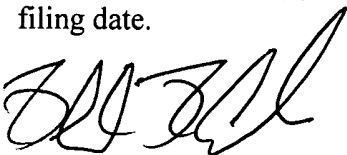
On 06 June 2002, applicant filed a "Petition To Correct Filing Date" asserting that the 35 U.S.C. 371 materials herein were filed via "Express Mail" on 05 February 2002, and that the Notification Of Acceptance and filing receipt should be corrected accordingly.

A review of the application file reveals that, as asserted by applicant, 05 February 2002 is the "date in" listed on the "Express Mail" envelope in which the present national stage materials were submitted. The Notification Of Acceptance and filing receipt mailed on 14 May 2002, both of which contain the incorrect 06 February 2002 date, are therefore appropriately vacated.

The "Notification Of Acceptance Of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 And 37 CFR 1.494 Or 1.495" and filing receipt mailed 14 May 2002 are hereby **VACATED**.

The application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office Of PCT Operations for further processing in accord with this decision, including: (1) mailing a corrected Notification Of Acceptance identifying **05 February 2002** as the "Date Of Receipt Of

35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) Requirements" and the "Date Of Receipt Of All 35 U.S.C. Requirements;" and (2) issuing a corrected filing receipt identifying **05 February 2002** as the filing date.



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